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THE MADRAS PROVINCIAL CONGRESS WORKERS' SANGAM.

Madras

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27th April 1948.

To the Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Government of Madras.

Sub: Political Sufferers' children - Education - Fees-scholarships - Poverty Certificate - Free Boarding and Lodging Grants - Requested.

Dear Sir,

Political sufferers who have taken part in various freedom struggles launched by Mahatma Gandhi for the attainment of India's Freedom should be taken special care of by our Congress Government.

The Madras Government have already recognised such responsibility and put into execution a scheme by which political sufferers are to get gifts of 5 acre or 10 acre lands from the Government.

We would now request the Educational Department of the Government to provide necessary facilities for the education of children of Political sufferers. I need hardly argue a case for the provision of such facilities to the present Government and to the Hon. Minister for Education who are already giving special attention to them. Political sufferers are also appreciative of these special privileges shown to them and are thankful and deeply indebted to our Government.

We would suggest the following facilities to be provided for the education of children of political sufferers:-

a) Fees scholarships up to S.S.L.C.
b) Fees scholarships upto Diploma Course in Vocational Courses
c) Free Boarding and Lodging to those who produce a Poverty Certificate
d) Free supply of books.

To assess the number and for a comprehensive list of political sufferers all accepted applications for land assignment vide Revenue Department - may be recognised as political sufferers.

We hope the Government would work out their details, favourably consider the request and pass necessary orders in time for the coming Academic year 1948-49.

We request you to provide at Government's cost free education to the children of Congress Politicals who have participated in one or other of India's Freedom Struggles launched by Mahatma Gandhi.

You are one of those who have participated in more than one Freedom Struggles and shared with us persecutions and incarcerations. You are aware of the present position of majority of our old comrades.

You, as Congress Premier, have truly realised your responsibility and recently passed orders granting each 5 wet/10 dry acres of land. Please supplement this by granting free education to their children up to S.S.L.C. or Diploma Course (Vocational).

We estimate not more than 5,000 persons to take advantage of this concession. Your Government would be required to provide in the Budget about 10 lakhs of rupees per annum under this head and for a period of say ~~xxx xxx~~ ten years at the most.

Please see the representations from the Tinnevelly District Political Workers' Association and the Madras Provincial Congress Workers' Sangham in the current file and the notes on pp.4-9 above. The point for orders is whether, beyond the types of help already extended to political sufferers, educational facilities on the lines indicated at (a) to (d) on pp.4-5 c.f. for the children of political sufferers should also be provided. The types of help already extended to political sufferers are stated in the note of the Revenue Department on p.7 ante and in the note of the Public Department, on pp.7-8 ante.

The Secretary has noted that this is a question on which a decision of policy has to be taken. The Finance Department has noted that "it is generally undesirable to go on adding to the concessions to be granted to certain classes of persons; but of course the matter is one of policy on which orders may be taken in circulation". The file may be circulated to H.M.(Edn.), H.M.(Fin.) and H.Pr. for orders.

M.V.S.
18-6-48

Please see the orders in circulation above. It seems appropriate to send a reply to the Tinnevelly District Political workers Conference and the Madras Provincial Congres Political Sangam. Attention in this connection is invited to the reminder from the Madras Provincial Congress Political Sangam at p.27 c.f. . Subject to orders a draft Memo. is submitted for approval. After issue, the papers may be recorded.

M.V.S.
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